



# INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

April 2007

### ***April 5, 2007 — Conference Call with former DMC Consultant of North Carolina***

Heidi Hsia of Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention put the former North Carolina DMC Consultant in touch with staff of ICJI. The DMC Consultant has recently moved to Northern Indiana and is working at a University. The individual expressed his interest in working with the Indiana Disproportionality Committee and assisting in areas needed. Due to Indiana's limited budget for disproportionality the Committee nor ICJI could hire him for consulting purposes. The individual has been added to the list-serve for all meeting times for the Indiana Disproportionality Committee so he may participate via conference call.

### ***April 10, 2007 — Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA) Summit***

Representatives from the Youth Division of ICJI attended the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association Summit which was held in Lebanon, Indiana. The Summit is supported partially by Title II funds which are administered by ICJI. Representatives of the agency interacted with a vast number of front line workers, directors, support staff, and supervisors at the Summit. It provided ICJI an opportunity to communicate with participants current and past initiatives of the agency, share free publications and resources, and put a face with a name. ICJI staff also facilitated a dialogue session with attendees in regards to disproportionality and how it directly impacts their system and others.

### ***April 11, 2007 — Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC) Large Meeting***

This month's meeting was held at the Indiana Minority Health Coalition in downtown Indianapolis. The primary focus of the meeting was in regards to the current status of the legislation submitted by the Public Policy Sub-Committee to establish a Disproportionality Commission. It also brought up the possibilities of recruiting professors of various universities that need to complete their tenure. Status of the grant submission done on behalf of the Training Sub-Committee is still awaited. The summer is getting busy and the Committee needs more facilitators. It was determined that the Research Sub-Committee will be gearing up to facilitate a new Train the Trainers Workshop to better prepare the facilitators, discuss new material added (Education and Mental Health) and ensure that all concern regarding statistics are addressed.

### ***April 12, 2007—Juvenile Detention Association Initiative (JDAI)***

ICJI staff and the Chair of the Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC) met with the Marion County JDAI Coordinator and Chair of the Disproportionate Minority Confinement Sub-Committee of the Initiative to discuss possible collaborations and efforts. The group also participated in a conference call with a representative of New Mexico's JDA Initiative. New Mexico has been a JDAI site for six years and this is its first year including disproportionality in its efforts. The representative discussed current efforts to establish a team which will provide various alternatives for the youth which have contact with the court system. Although the focuses of the Committee's are very similar there are distinct differences. The Initiative is focusing primary on confinement reduction while IDC is addressing disproportionality at all contacts. At the meeting it was thought that data is being collected from the same source and being analyzed by two different groups. To avoid possible duplication efforts the JDAI Coordinator will invite both Evaluation groups so all persons can get a better understanding of how the data is being collected and if in deed it is the same.

### ***April 16, 2007—Indiana Disproportionality Committee (IDC) Community Awareness Newsletter Sub-Committee***

The Community Awareness Chair along with ICJI and Children's Bureau staff met to discuss the layout and content of the IDC newsletter scheduled to roll out next month. It was determined that it would be disseminated quarterly and include an overview of efforts, interview various individuals from each system, list meeting dates, and provide updates of all sorts. The purpose of the newsletter is to keep all interested persons engaged and aware of all efforts and changes being made by the Committee.

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